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MEMORANDUM FOR: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR POLICY COORDINATION

SUBJECT: Albanian Operation - Unidentified Representative of British Embassy at Athens, Greece, Reported in Trieste

1. It is learned from Trieste that a representative of the British Embassy in Athens was seen holding secret conferences with [] and with Major General AIMEY, British Zone Commandant. The British Political Advisor for Trieste, Mr. SULLIVAN, also participated in the discussions which took place on the morning of 6 August 1949.

2. Further investigation revealed that the presence of the British Embassy representative at Trieste was occasioned apparently by the movement, through the Trieste zone, of an unidentified individual; and that the British Embassy representative did not desire his presence in Trieste to become known to anyone.

3. It was learned further that [], an SIS operative, had met certain passengers on a special plane at Udine Military Airport and had escorted them into the Zone. A check of hotel registers and road blocks was not fruitful. However, following the morning of the conferences reported above, the British civilian and [] visited the American Albergo Grande where [] remained at the bar while the British Embassy civilian joined two American officers in the dining room. One of these officers was an Air Corps Captain, short and of ruddy complexion. Neither of the officers were registered at the hotel and both were believed to be new in Trieste.

4. A description of the British Embassy representative is as follows: 5'10" tall, around 170 pounds, regular features, thin nose, large brown eyes, thin black hair with gray streak and small dark mustache. He wore a seersucker jacket, dark trousers and brown and white shoes.

5. The above description, communicated [] brought forth a report that a Britisher answering that description and using the name of "WILSON" had visited with [] during the latter's Athens visit on 3 and 4 August 1949.

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6. Individuals who have heard the British Embassy representative state that his speech seems American rather than British. They also believe he may be a Canadian.

7. On 9 August 1949, the unidentified civilian was seen again in the office of the British Political Advisor.

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